iOpener Instructions

Basic instructions for using the iOpener to open up glued-shut devices.

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INTRODUCTION

The iOpener is an insulated, heat-retaining bag that can be heated in a microwave and used to transfer heat to the adhesive along the edge of an iPad or similar device.

Follow these basic instructions to get started with your new (black, liquid-filled) iOpener. For the white, solid-filled iOpener, follow this guide instead.

For detailed instructions specific to your device and repair, see our set of iPad repair guides.

TOOLS:

- iOpener (1)
- Microwave (1)

Step 1 — iOpener Heating





ⓘ We recommend that you clean your microwave before proceeding, as any nasty gunk on the bottom may end up stuck to the iOpener.

- Place the iOpener in the center of the microwave.

  ⚠ For carousel microwaves: Make sure the plate spins freely. If your iOpener gets stuck, it may overheat and burn.

Step 2



- Heat the iOpener for **thirty seconds**.
- Throughout the repair procedure, as the iOpener cools, reheat it in the microwave for an additional thirty seconds at a time.
- ⚠ Be careful not to overheat the iOpener during the repair. Overheating may cause the iOpener to burst.
- ⚠ Never touch the iOpener if it appears swollen.
- ⚠ If the iOpener is still too hot in the middle to touch, continue using it while waiting for it to cool down some more before reheating. A properly heated iOpener should stay warm for up to 10 minutes.

Step 3



- Remove the iOpener from the microwave, holding it by one of the two flat ends to avoid the hot center.

⚠ The iOpener will be very hot, so be careful when handling it. Use an oven mitt if necessary.

Step 4 — iOpener Instructions







- Lay the iOpener clear-side down, flat on the edge of the device, over an adhesive seal you wish to heat. The liquid will flatten the iOpener against the surface, ensuring good heat conduction.
- Let the bag sit on the device for approximately 90 seconds before attempting to open the front panel.
- At this point you should be able to begin prying under the screen with a plastic opening tool. Be sure to see your device's specific guide for where and how to do this.
- ⚠ Throughout the procedure you will need to reheat the iOpener. To prevent overheating the iOpener, always wait until the iOpener has cooled enough to touch safely. Do not microwave the iOpener for more than thirty seconds at a time.

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